

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Bogotá October 23, 1942

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Bogotá, October 23, 1942

No. 115

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the request of Your Excellency's Government, through the Colombian Ambassador in Washington, for assistance in the execution of a cooperative program of public health and sanitation in Colombia and to the conversations of September 24 had between me, the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and the Minister of Trabajo, Higiene y Previsión Social, concerning such a program.

Reference is also made to the notes exchanged between the Government of Colombia and the Government of the United States on rubber development in Colombia, with particular reference to a program of health and sanitation in connection with rubber production in Colombia.

My Government, through the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is prepared to send at once to Colombia, at the request of Your Excellency's Government, to cooperate with the corresponding officials of Your Excellency's Government and the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y

¹ TIAS 1623, *post*, pp. 963 and 969.

² TIAS 1958, *post*, p. 983.

³ TIAS, 1998, *post*, p. 1001.

⁴ 2 UST 548, 2513, 3 UST 375, 4289, 4922; TIAS 2203, 2368, 2400, 2576, 2665.

⁵ 6 UST 5987; TIAS 3441.

⁶ 7 UST 1835; TIAS 3592.

⁷ 8 UST 1557; TIAS 3907.

Previsión Social, such experts as Your Excellency's Government desires in order to collaborate in developing a specific program for the improvement of health and sanitation conditions in Colombia. This program will be designed to improve health and sanitation conditions in Colombia in accordance with the memorandum prepared by the Minister of Trabajo, Higiene y Previsión Social and presented to me and to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Bogotá on September 24, 1942.

For the purposes of this program, the Government of the United States, through the agency of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will provide an amount not to exceed one million dollars (United States Currency) to be expended for the execution of the program. The expenditure of these funds may be applied not only to the health and sanitation program, but also, in the discretion of Your Excellency's Government, for such medical, scientific, and technical training as the Government of Colombia may wish undertaken by Colombian specialists.

It is understood that Your Excellency's Government will furnish such expert personnel, services, and funds for local expenditures as it may consider necessary for the efficient development of the program. The group of United States doctors and sanitary engineers which will be sent to Colombia by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs shall be under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of that Office, who in turn will be under the supervision of the appropriate officials of the Colombian Government. It is understood that a special service of public health and sanitation will be established within the Ministry of Trabajo, Higiene y Previsión Social under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of the Coordinator's Office, and that detailed arrangements for the establishment of such a special service will be carried out between Brigadier General George C. Dunham, Director of the Health and Sanitation Division of the Coordinator's Office, and the Minister of Trabajo, Higiene y Previsión Social.

The expenditure of United States funds for the purposes of this program will be handled through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, of which the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is President and of which General George C. Dunham is Director of the Health and Sanitation Division. Detailed arrangements for the execution of each project will be discussed and agreed to between the Chief Medical Officer and the appropriate officer of Your Excellency's Government in the area of the proposed project.

It is understood that the Government of Colombia is particularly interested in including in the program projects aimed at continuing and extending measures and services which the public health and sanitation agencies of the Colombian Government have been carrying out with efficiency and success. The measures and services embodied in the health and sanitation program are included under the following headings:

1. The improvement of nutrition in a general program for the improve-

ment of the public health of Colombia, utilizing the services already established by the Ministerio de Trabajo, Higiene y Previsión Social;

2. Assistance in the control of malaria, with particular reference to the eradication of malaria in the ports of Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Buenaventura, Tumaco, and Bahía Solano;

3. Assistance in the control and eradication of Rickettsiasis;

4. Assistance in the control and eradication of Bartonellosis;

5. Assistance in the sanitation of ports, particularly the ports of Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Buenaventura, Tumaco, and Bahía Solano, and such other areas as may be agreed upon;

6. The establishment, in so far as practicable, of public health centers for the effective execution of this program;

7. The training of Colombian personnel in the fields of medicine, public health, sanitary engineering, nursing, and hospital administration.

It is agreed that all projects completed in accordance with the present agreement will be the property of the Government of Colombia.

With reference to the foregoing, I am instructed to state that this agreement can in no way commit my Government to make available supplies and equipment which may be deemed necessary to implement the agreement. While my Government sympathizes with the objectives which Your Excellency's Government aims at in the health and sanitation program, Your Excellency's Government recognizes, I am sure, that the allocation of essential or critical equipment and materials to the program must be held in abeyance due to the very real shortages of many essential materials and the necessity for preserving them for important and essential war undertakings.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ARTHUR BLISS LANE

His Excellency

Señor Doctor don DARÍO ECHANDÍA,

Minister of Foreign Relations of Colombia.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS
Bogotá, October 23, 1942

No. S-1110

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's kind note 115, of this same date, in which you were good enough to express the

manner in which the Government of the United States of America, through the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is disposed to cooperate in the program of health and sanitation in Colombia explained in the memorandum submitted September 24 last to Your Excellency and to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs by the Ministry of Labor, Health, and Social Welfare.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that my Government accepts in their entirety the bases set forth in the said communication and that, consequently, the Minister of Labor, Health, and Social Welfare is prepared to conclude all the arrangements necessary with Brigadier General George C. Dunham, Director of the Health and Sanitation Division of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

I beg Your Excellency to accept and transmit to your Government the gratitude of the Colombian Government for the important collaboration offered in the development of the program of health and sanitation in the country.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

DARÍO ECHANDÍA

His Excellency

ARTHUR BLISS LANE,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
City.*